Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 31 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020 at 02:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions and further snowfall through the period. The main uncertainty relates to the extent of more persistent snow during Wednesday.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Dec 2020: A cold, bright start. Soon deteriorating from the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
40%	40%	30%	60%	30%	20%

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Weather: Northwest winds will bring a steady flow of snow showers along the west coast through much of the morning, these merging into a longer spell of snow through the afternoon across all ranges. Skies clearing again late evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% decreasing 20% as snow and cloud arrives from the north, this cloud becoming extensive above 300-400m before clearing well after dark.

Visibility: Very good initially, although some patchy freezing fog may sit in the glens at first. Deteriorating from the north as cloud and snow arrive with a good chance of whiteout conditions towards summits.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	15/17 NW	16/19 W	21/26 SW	24/29 W	20/25 N	20/25 N	20/25 N
900	7/11 NW	8/12 W	12/18 W	12/16 NW	11/16 NW	10/14 N	9/14 N
600	8/10 SW	9/12 SW	14/19 SW	11/16 SW	10/13 NE	8/11 E	7/11 NW
300	4/5 E	5/6 E	7/10 SW	7/12 W	7/11 NW	7/10 N	5/8 NE
Glen	4/7 W	3/6 W	2/7 SW	4/12 NW	6/12 NW	6/10 NW	5/9 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-8/-16	-8/-16	-7/-16	-6/-15	-6/-15	-7/-15	-7/-15
900	-6/-11	-6/-12	-5/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10
600	-3/-8	-3/-8	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-6
300	-1/-4	-1/-4	-0/-4	0/-3	-0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4
Glen	-1/-4	-2/-4	1/-0	2/0	1/-2	0/-2	0/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	300m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Best of the shelter likely across south facing aspects of the Trossachs. Glen temperatures generally closer to minus 3 Celsius at first.

Forecast for Thursday 31 Dec 2020

Weather: Another cold, breezy day with snow showers for parts of the West Coast, principally affecting Mull. Thicker cloud to the east may bring a spell of snow to the eastern ranges from mid morning, but there is some uncertainty in this. Otherwise, a more reliably dry day across Lochaber and western Argyll.

Maximum wind: North or NW 20-25 gusting 35mph, easing through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%, decreasing 50% across the Trossachs from mid morning with some areas of cloud above around 800m likely.

Visibility: Very good across large areas, but likely reduced across the east as cloud and light snow arrives.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 or 2 C, rising to plus 2 or 3 C.
At 800m: Minus 3 C.
Freezing level: 200m rising 400m.

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